What you said about Co-operative Societies and also any other matter which I have not specified to you in reply will be considered.

129. Needs of Alwaye.

MR. CHEEKU PAILI (*Member, Municipal Council, Alwaye*) spoke on the following needs of Alwaye:

A Munsiff's court should be established at Alwaye. At present Alwaye, Thrikkakara, Kothakulangara, Edapally North and Edapally South were in the jurisdiction of the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court and Changamanad and other pakuthies in the jurisdiction of the Munsiff's court, Parur. These pakuthies were all from 10 to 18 miles distant from the above courts. The access to the courts also lay by a circuitous route *v a* Alwaye. Above all things journey to the courts was very difficult in the rainy season. If a court could be established at Alwaye, it would facilitate the journey to a very great extent. Alwaye was within half a mile of each one of the above pakuthies. The volume of litigation in the regions near about Alwaye also justified the establishment of a court there. In case a Munsiff's court could not be immediately established there, the First Class Magistrate, Alwaye, should be invested with a Munsiff's powers.

The railway bridge at Alwaye should be made fit for cart traffic. Articles could now be taken only in head-loads from the regions to the north of the bridge to the Alwaye market. The number of head-loads that thus came over the bridge to the market on a single day would be about 5000. It was also very difficult for the patients in these regions to go to the Alwaye hospital by the railway bridge. A bridge here was not going to be a costly project. A small road had only to be opened from the northern side of the bridge to the Alwaye-Ankamali road.

A women's hospital should be established at Alwaye. All the women's hospitals in the State were situated in South Travancore. Poor women in North Travancore thus found it extremely difficult to get proper medical aid. If for any reason a hospital for women could not be established immediately at Alwaye, it would be enough if a lady doctor was appointed in the local District Hospital.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Cheeku Paili, you heard what I said-that the Government are in agreement with the High Court that the court you ask for at Alwaye is unnecessary.

Your request for converting the railway bridge at Alwaye so as to enable it to carry cart and carriage traffic should, I am afraid, stand over until Government are certain whether the Shoranur-Cochin line is to be converted into broad gauge in which case it will have to be seen whether the railway authorities are going to convert the bridge into a broad gauge one. I shall ask the Railway Engineer to bear your request in mind.

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In regard to a women and children's hospital at Alwaye, Government have before them a proposal to post a woman medical officer at Parur. Whether it would be possible to post a similar woman doctor at Alwaye also, I shall ask the Board to consider.

130. Needs of Parur.

MR. R. VENKATESWARA IYER (*Member, Municipal Council, Parur*) spoke on the need for strengthening the banks of the Kalathodu with masonry work. The expenditure on this account would not exceed five or six thousand rupees. The canal ran through the heart of the Parur town and through thickly populated places. But for the poverty of the Municipal Council, the canal would not have been in its present condition of complete disrepair. It was now full of stagnating pools of water which served as breeding places of mosquitoes. The idea of the municipality and of the public was not to deepen this canal or to make it navigable. They only wanted to keep it as a good drain. This was obviously a work for the municipal council. Government themselves had once pointed out in a letter to the municipality that it was a work for them to undertake. But if the council could not find money for executing it, they had naturally to fall back upon aid from Government. The municipality had only an annual balance of Rs. 1000. This was quite insufficient for them to take up the present work. The work was also one which could not be done piece-meal. Government should therefore do the work for the municipality. If they could not bear the whole cost, they should meet one-half of it and contribute the other half as a loan to the municipality.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Venkiteswara Aiyar, as the Government letter which you quoted states, it is purely for the Municipality and the thodu will not have fallen into its present condition of decay if the Municipality had in past years devoted a certain amount of attention and money to its proper maintenance. You talk of your annual surplus as only Rs. 1,000 and I am perfectly sure that you have no case to expect Government help in this matter. The utmost I am prepared to consider is the question of lending money at suitable interest to the Parur Municipality for its work if it is assured that its financial position is such that there will not be any risk of loss in respect of this money.

131. Urgent Needs of Central Travancore.

MR. DEVARU VASUDEVARU (*Member, Jenmies, Quilon Division*) spoke on the following needs of Central Travancore:—

The Chengannur—Mannar road should be improved and the necessary culverts constructed. Government opened this road some forty years ago. Since then it had fallen into complete disrepair. It was a very useful road both for the purpose of daily traffic and for the purpose of about 20,000 paras of paddy fields which could be protected from the floods of the Pampa by the improvement of this road.

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